

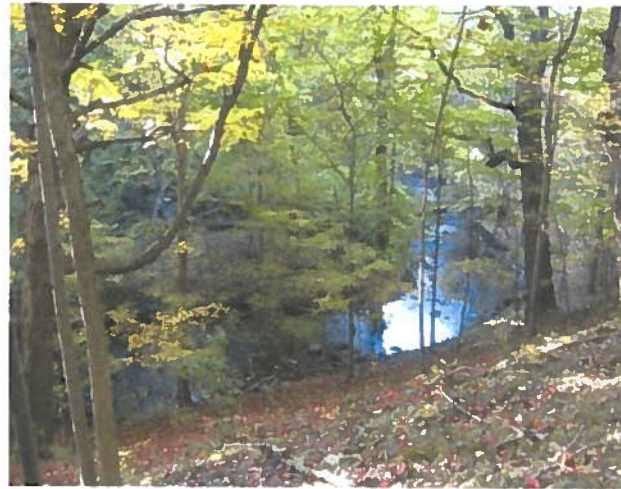
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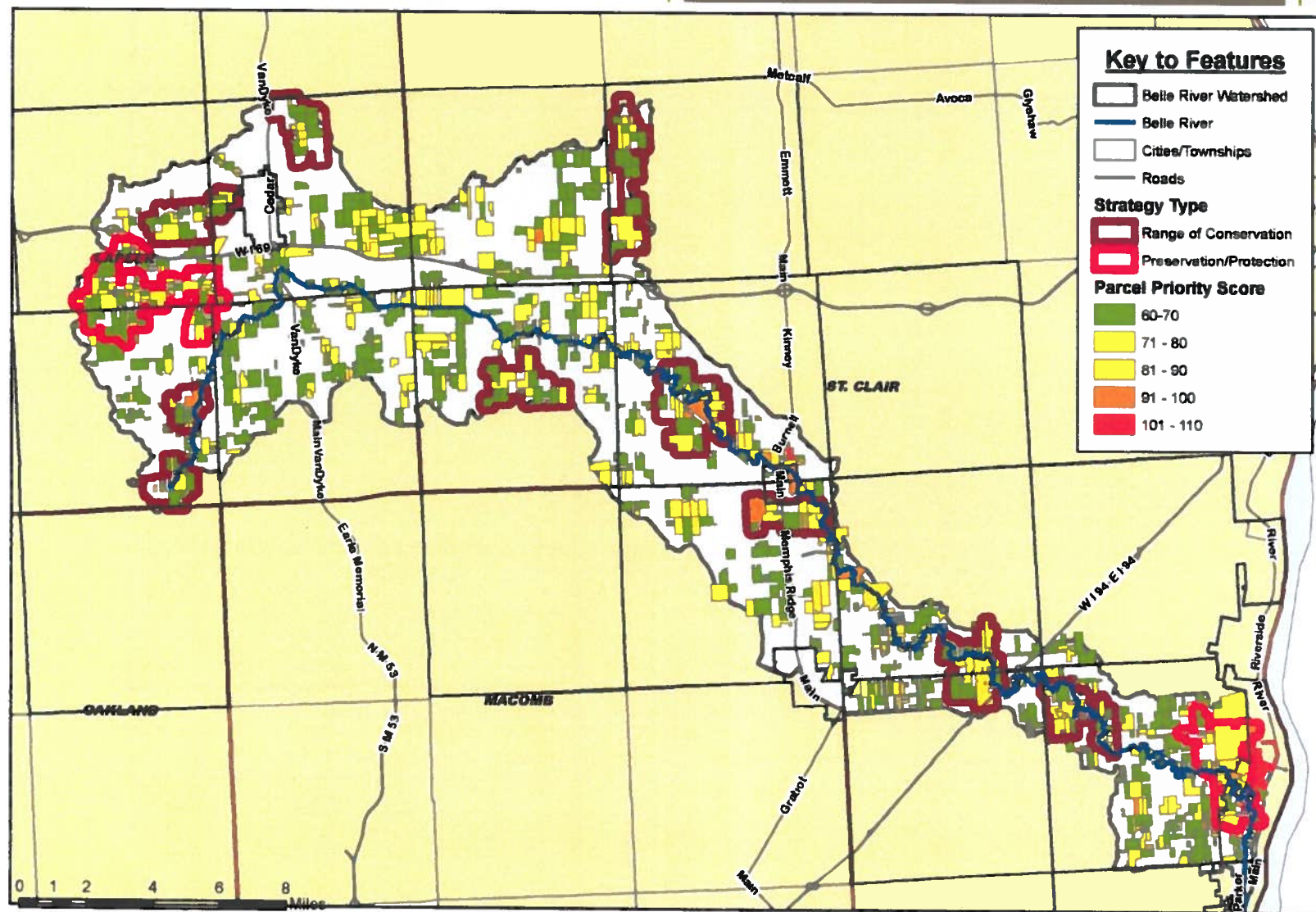
Where We Work:

Northern part of the metro region in southeastern Michigan—Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Genesee & St. Clair Counties



Scientific Underpinnings:

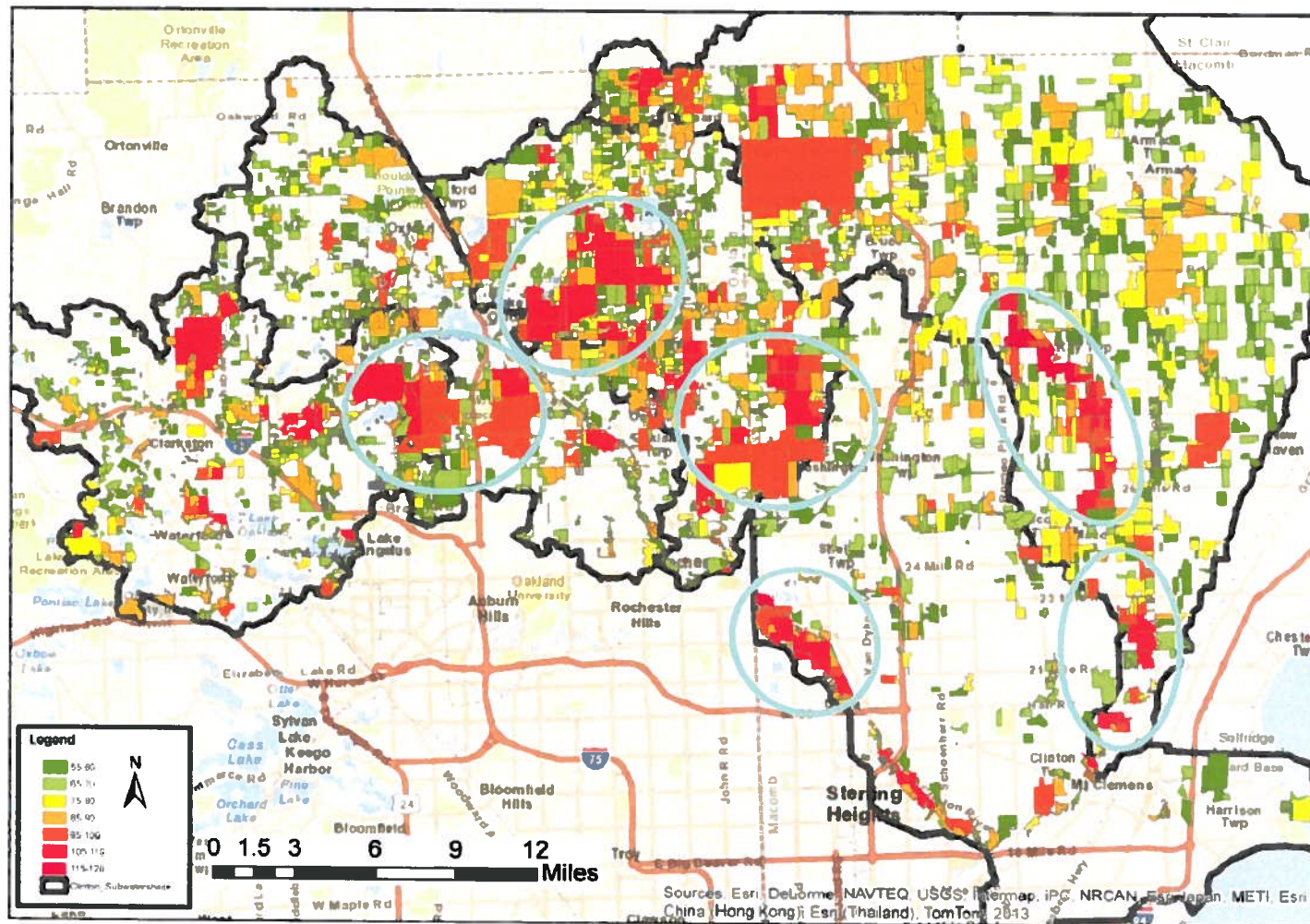
- Using science and community input, we have identified over 46,000 acres of priority conservation areas in just Oakland and Macomb counties.
- Owned by 1900 landowners
- Represents less than 5% of the land mass in these counties.



Belle River Watershed Management Plan
Focus Area Strategy Map Showing
Six Rivers Land Conservancy Priority Scheme



Focus areas in upper Clinton River Watershed





Important Because:

- Natural and agricultural resources have been a source of prosperity for the region
- Foundation for what was once the richest industrial region in the world
- Link between culture, history, landscape and environmental quality is inextricably tied to our prosperity
- Renaissance of Detroit and metro area requires investment in these resources just as it does in the iconic cultural, historic and economic institutions
- Tourism and outdoor recreation is part of that vision
- Preserve the best of our natural assets and agricultural heritage



Economic recovery and renewed investment in the region—
including natural resource protection—is exciting and inspiring!

Opportunities and Objectives:



We partner with communities, agencies like SEMCOG, other non-profits and the state to:

- Increase the amount of large tract recreational land close to the population base in Michigan
- Protect and improve water quality in the region's rivers and lakes
- Reconnect residents with nearby recreational opportunities to improve health and quality of life, and to capture economic benefits for local communities
- Highlight natural features, environmental quality and recreational opportunities as part of economic renaissance in the region

Macomb County Blue & Green Infrastructure Vision

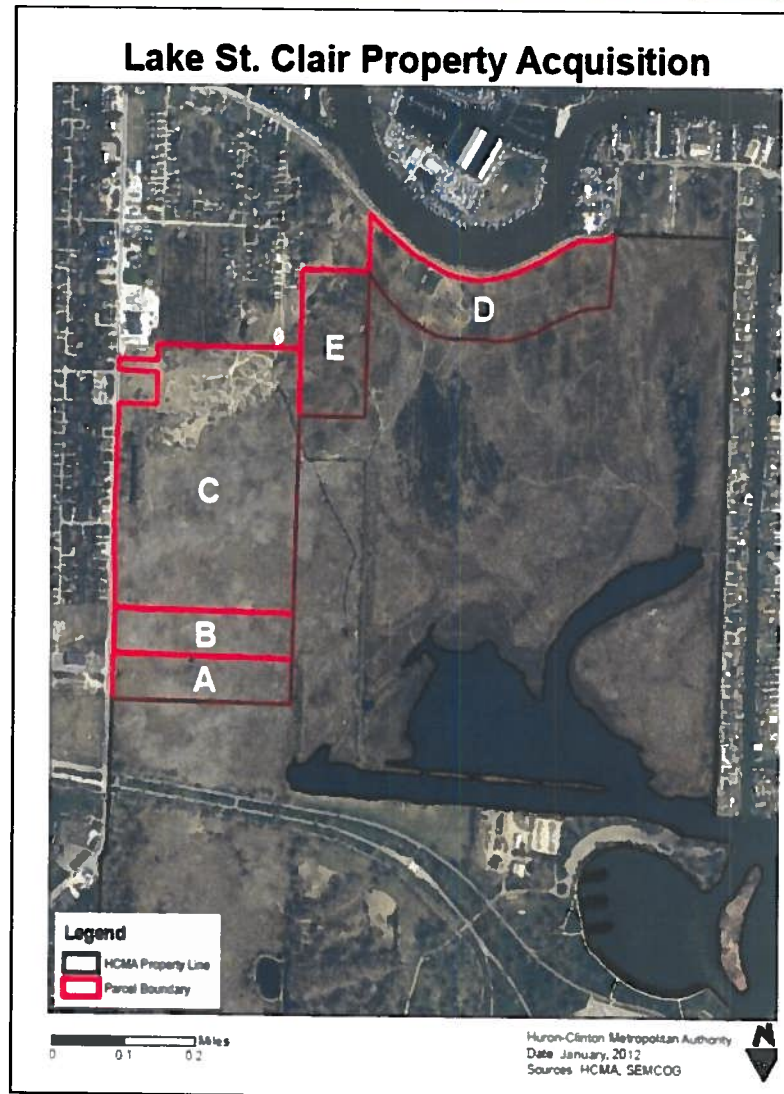


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Macomb County Blue & Green Infrastructure Vision:

- Help secure properties identified in their vision to expand tourism and recreational assets

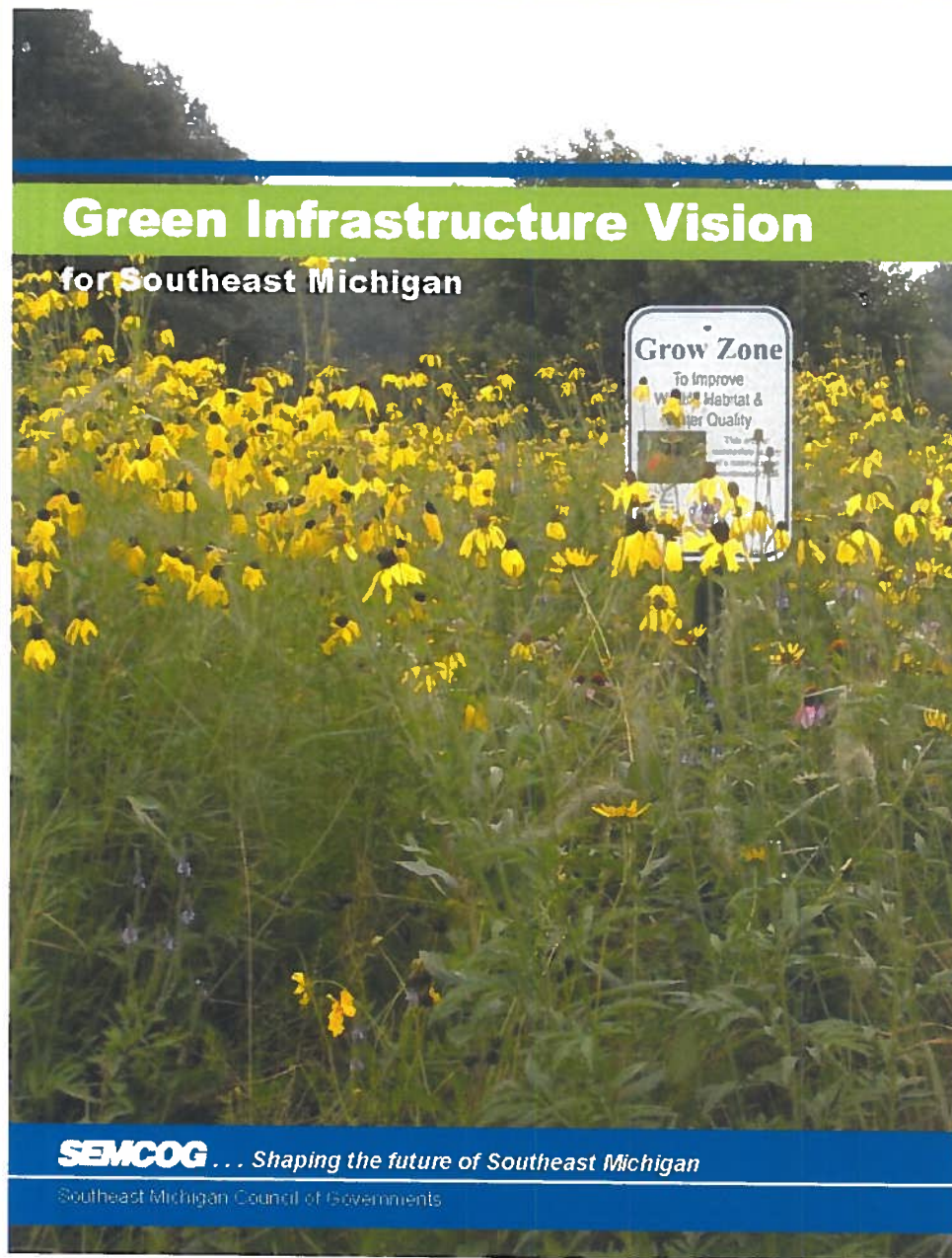




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Huron Clinton Metroparks:

- Black Creek Marsh addition at Lake St. Clair Metropark.
- Protects important spawning habitat, critical for health of Lake St. Clair fishery
- Secures important migratory bird habitat, significant for Port Huron to OH border birding trail

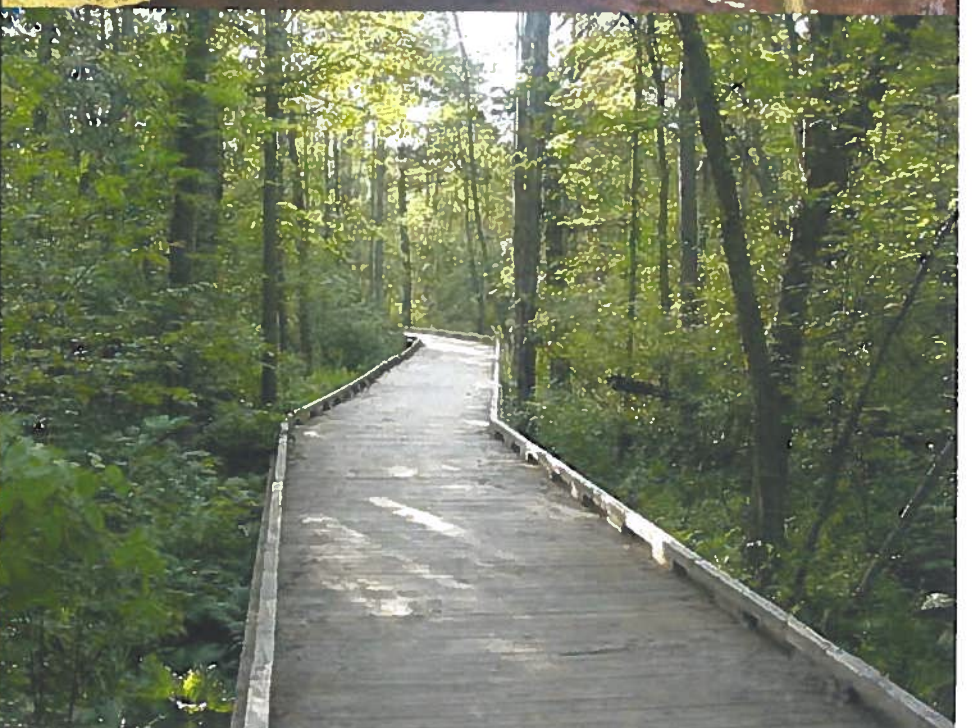


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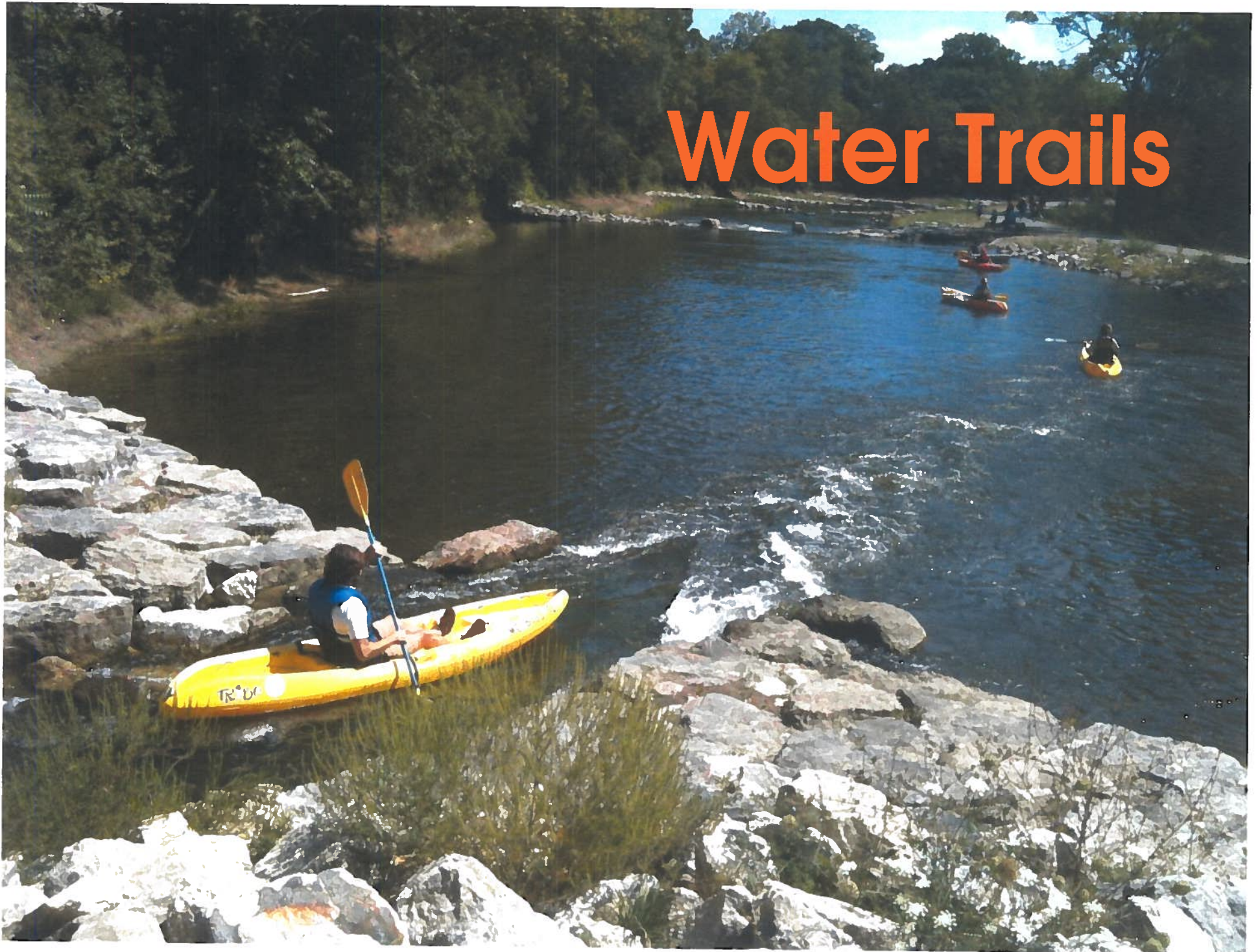
SEMCOG Green Infrastructure Plan recommendations:

- Increase existing parks, natural areas, riparian corridors
- Large tracts of land

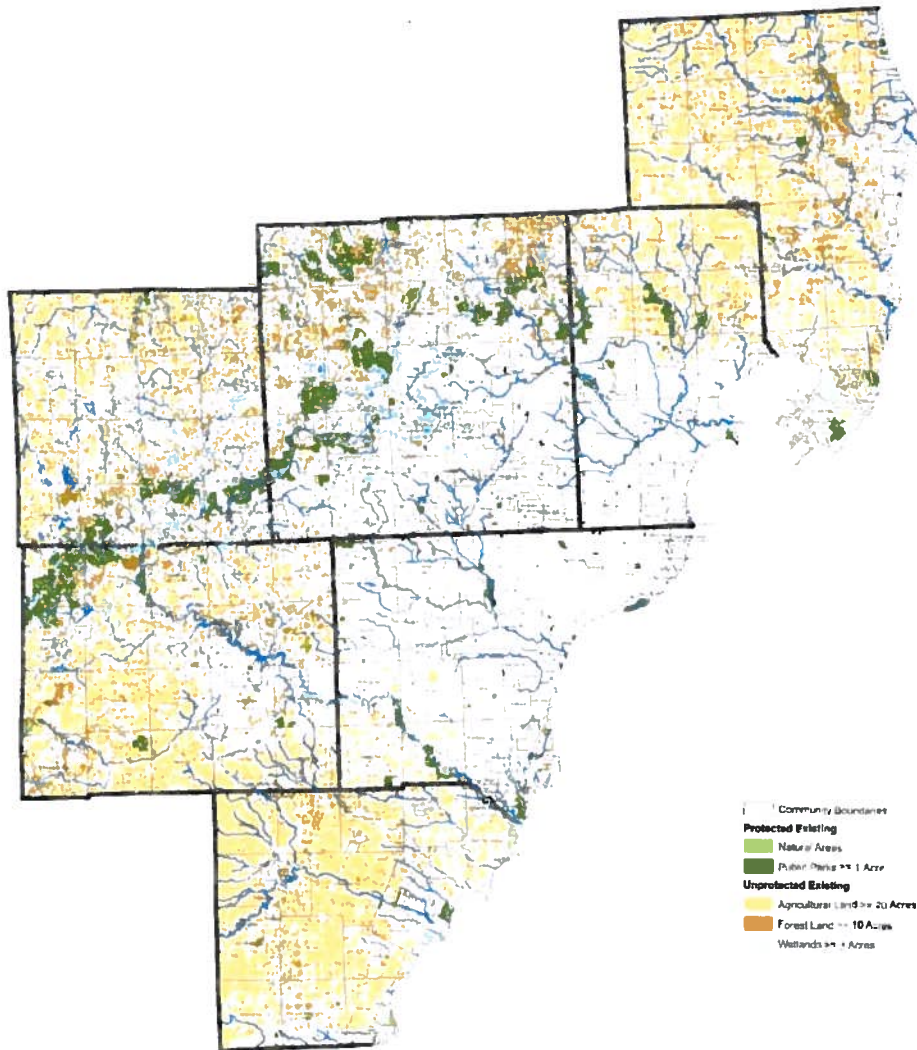




Water Trails



Emerald Arc Initiative Southeast Michigan



SEMCOG

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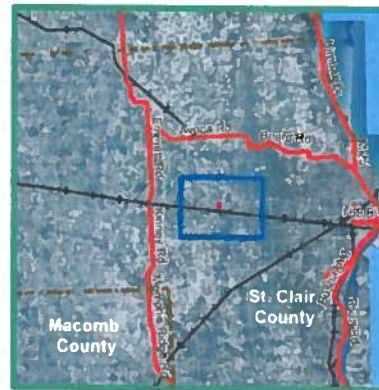


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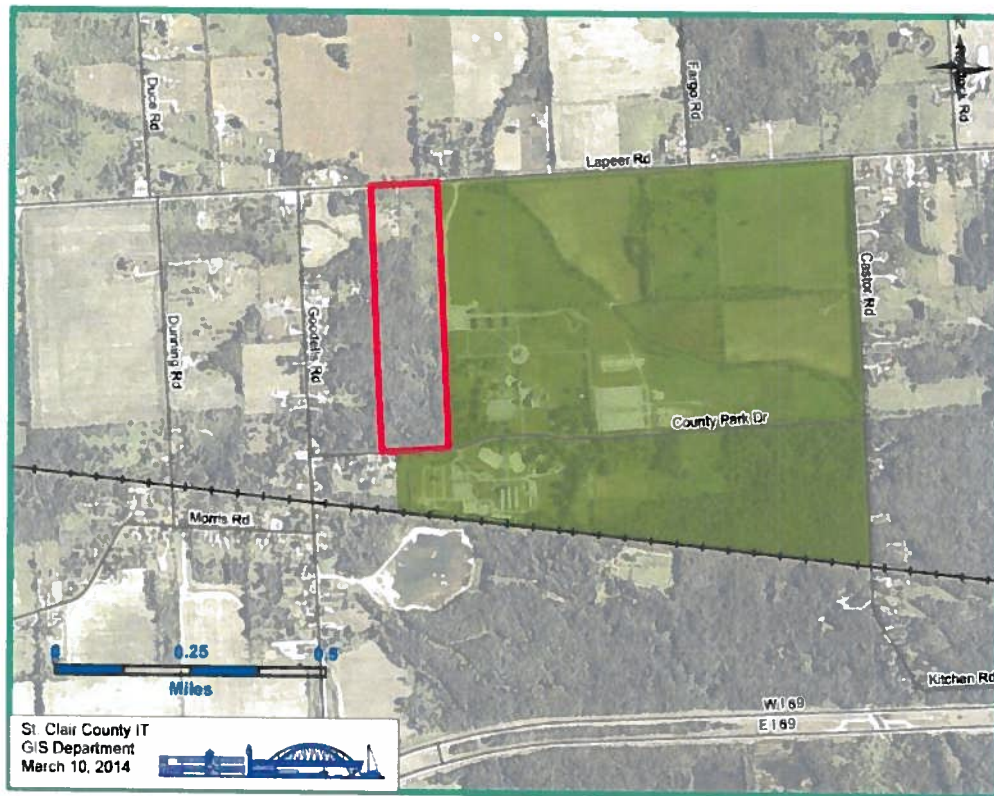


Working together to link the Emerald Arc from the OH border to Port Huron, the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair—protecting the most important natural, recreational and agricultural assets in the region.

Way Trust Grant Acquisition



Parcel Location
Wales Township
8325 Lapeer Rd.
74-31-002-1002-000



St. Clair County IT
GIS Department
March 10, 2014

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St. Clair County Parks

- Goodells Park addition

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Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

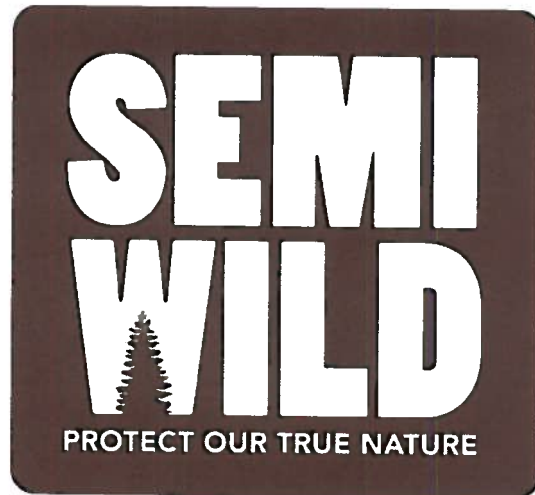
- With regional partners, hosted the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board in 2014
- Toured past and potential future projects



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Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

- **2014** - 314 acre former gravel pit that DNR will own and Oakland County Parks will operate as an ORV/ATV recreational facility
- **2015** - Application by New Baltimore to acquire the Schmid Marina to become a public launch, park and marina facility on Lake St. Clair.



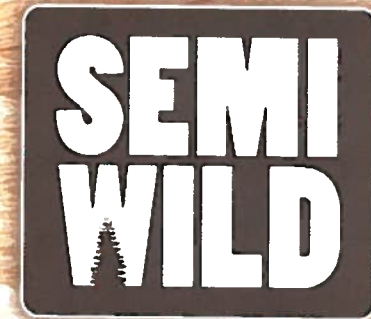
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Other Land Conservancies in Southeast Michigan

- Cooperative land acquisition and marketing

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**What Else Are We Doing to Support
Tourism and Outdoor Recreation?**



Six Rivers Land Conservancy

ADVENTURE LEAGUE



Join us to Explore the Nature Near You!

All season long, we host paddles, hikes and bike rides in Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer, Genesee and St. Clair Counties in the watersheds of the six rivers we serve – the Belle, Clinton, Flint, Huron, Rouge, and Shiawassee.

Make this a year of outdoor adventure close to home! Be sure to join us for the annual fall celebration complete with prizes for adventurers!






















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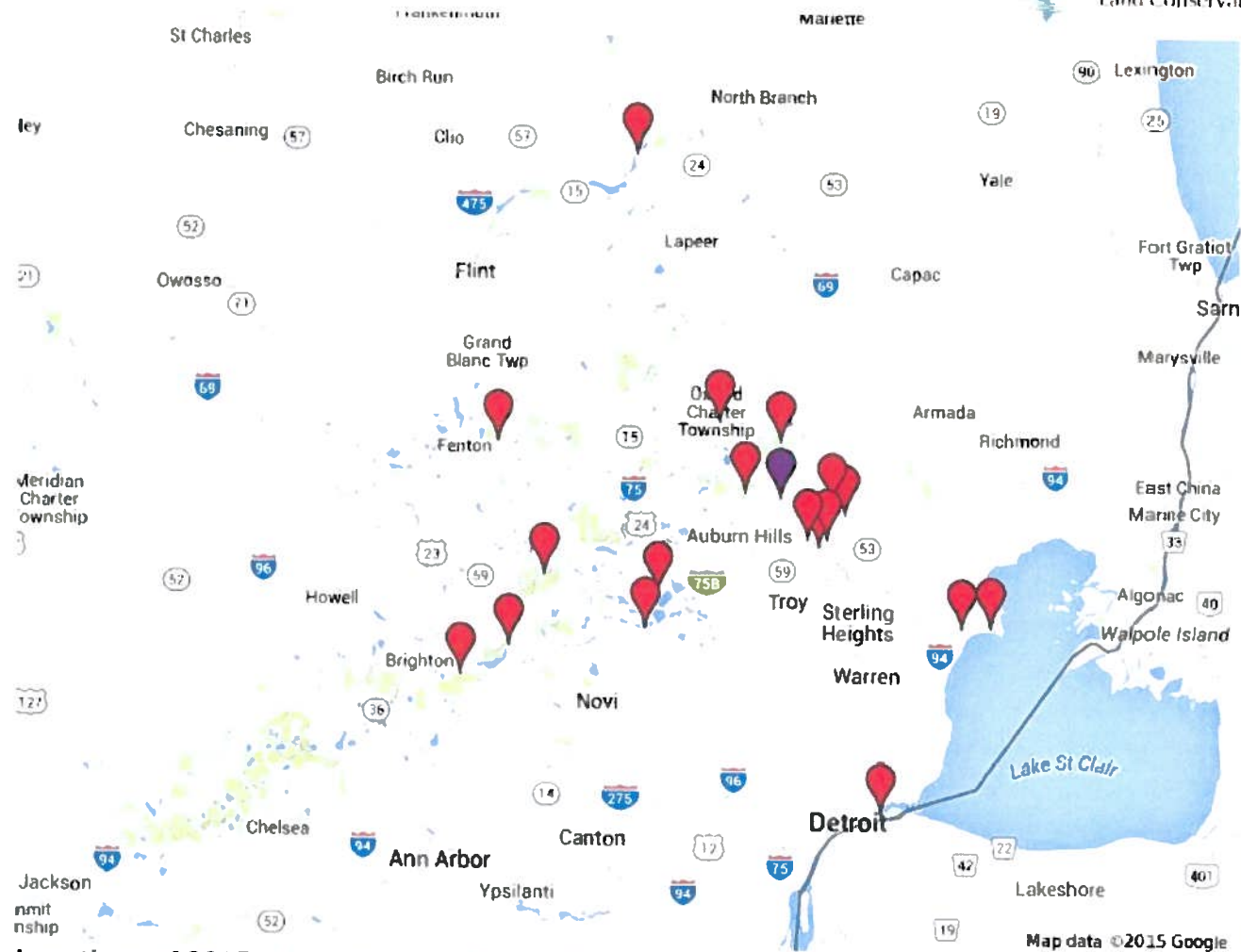


2015 Adventure League



2015 Activity Locations

-  Hike Highland Rec Area
-  Paddle Flint River
-  Race Lake St. Clair Metropark
-  Ride West Bloomfield Trail
-  Paddle Graham Lakes
-  Ride Clinton River Trail
-  Paddle Clinton River
-  Bike Kensington Metropark
-  Ride/Paddle Belle Isle
-  Paddle Shiawassee River
-  Bike Macomb Orchard Trail
-  Paddle Huron River
-  Bike Polly Ann Trail
-  Bike Metro Parkway Trail
-  Paddle Cass Lake (Tent.)
-  Annual Celebration Addison Oaks
-  Hike Stony Creek
-  Bike/Hike Bloomer Park & Paint Creek Trail
-  Six Rivers Land Conservancy Offices



Locations of 2015 Adventure League activities



Please send an email to Betsy Jagosz at bjagosz@sixriverslc.org or call 248-601-2816 for more information.



Join Six Rivers and explore nature right here in your backyard. Kayak scenic stretches of water in southeast Michigan throughout the summer and fall along with bicycle rides, mountain biking, and nature hikes, too. Events take place Wednesday evenings May through September and on Sundays in September and October. Participation earns points toward winning some great end of season prize packages. Go to sixriverslc.org for details.

Cost to Participate: \$10/person for each kayak event or \$60 for the entire league. Hiking events are free, but may require park entry fees. Full league price includes annual membership to Six Rivers and a Six Rivers water bottle.

Equipment: Bring your own equipment, or call Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental at 248-855-2379. Make sure to tell them you are with Six Rivers.

Where: Starting locations TBA. Sign up for email updates!

Registration: Register by calling 248-601-2816 or emailing bjagosz@sixriverslc.org for info on meeting location and times.

Go to sixriverslc.org and join our email list for updates, schedules and details on bonus events.



About Six Rivers

Six Rivers is a regional land conservancy. We conserve, sustain and connect the natural areas, lands and waters that make the places we live special. sixriverslc.org



Adventure League 2015 Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Location	
5/20	Wed.	5:30 pm	Hike Highland Recreation Area	
5/30	Sat.	1:00 pm	Paddle Flint River Clinton Township	
6/6	Sat.		Sprint and Splash Lake St. Clair Metropark	
6/10	Wed.	6:00 pm	Bike Ride West Branch State Park	
6/17	Wed.	4:30 pm	Graham Lakes Bald Mountain Res. Area	
6/24	Wed.	6:00 pm	Bike Ride Clinton Metropark	
7/1	Wed.	4:30 pm	Paddle Clinton River Yates to Heritage Park	
7/8	Wed.	6:00 pm	Bike Ride Kensington Metropark	
7/12	Sun.	1:00 pm	Bike Ride/Paddle Belle Isle State Park	
7/22	Wed.	4:30 pm	Paddle Shiawassee River Holly to Tannan	
8/1	Sat.	10:00 am	Bike Ride Macomb Orchard Trail	
8/8	Sat.	6:00 pm	Once Around Belle Isle Paddle Fest	
8/12	Wed.	4:30 pm	Paddle Huron River	
8/22	Sat.	10:00 am	Bike Ride Holly to Tannan	
8/26	Wed.	6:00 pm	Bike Ride Lake St. Clair Metropark	
9/2	Wed.	4:30 pm	Bonus Paddle TBD	
9/16	Wed.	6:00 pm	Annual Meeting, Photo Contest, Gear and Gearathon	
9/20	Sun.	1:00 pm	Hike Shiawassee Canal	
9/27	Sun.	1:00 pm	Wildcard Paddle TBD	
10/4	Sun.	1:00 pm	Bike Ride/Bike Flint River to Tannan and Belle Isle Park	

*Events on the Six Rivers calendar are subject to change. Please note that this schedule may change subject to weather and other conditions.



Adventure League

- Rapidly growing
- Numerous partners
- To meet demand, growing sponsorships to support dedicated staff
- Working to develop partnerships with health care industry

Many thanks to our sponsors...



Adventure League sponsorships still available!

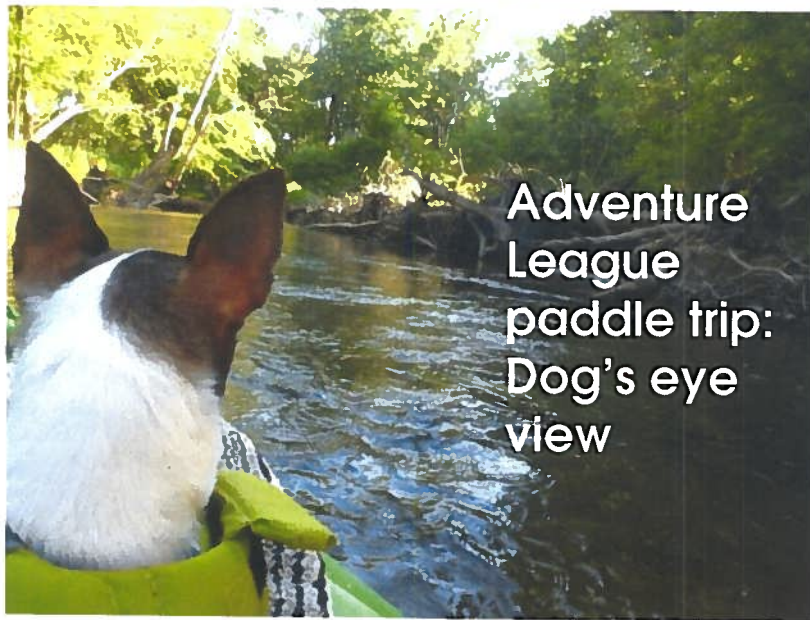
Adventure League hikers on the trail



Winter 2015 hike



Adventure
League
paddle trip:
Dog's eye
view



Flint River



Belle Isle Bike Ride, October 2014



Clinton River Put-in
32 Paddlers



How You Can Help:



Strengthen the correlation between economic productivity and quality of life, open space, natural aesthetics, environmental quality and access to outdoor recreation:

- Support the need for a land base that can carry a wide range of recreational users, provides quality experiences and minimizes user conflicts
- Support Legislation that helps promote Tourism & Recreation:
 - ❖ Secure and sustain funding for acquisition and preservation of land for access and recreation.
- Get to know your land conservancy—join us for the next outdoor adventure!

THANK YOU!

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